



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
A Portion of the Steel Heddle Manufacturing Site
1801 Rutherford Road, Greenville, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through January 6, 2015.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 14-6307-NRP, will affect approximately 25.20 acres identified by Tax Map Serial Number P004000100200. A company known as PES, LLC ("PES") wants to buy the property from its current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and PES.

The remaining 25 acres of the Steel Heddle facility is located north of the Property; Rutherford Road is located to the south beyond the railroad line; residences, a church and vacant land are located to the east along E. Belvue Road; and businesses and residences are located to the west of the Property along Delmar Avenue.

In 1948 Steel Heddle Manufacturing developed an approximately 49.25 acre property and began operations producing heddles, reeds, shuttles, and bobbins associated with textile machinery. Manufacturing processes included tool and die, soldering, heat treating, metal plating, machining, polishing metal parts plus the shaping and kiln curing of wood for the manufacture of bobbins. Underground and above ground storage tanks (USTs/ASTs) were located at the facility. In 1988 the Department issued Postclosure Care Hazardous Waste Permit Number SCD 002 267 490 to Steel Heddle Manufacturing, which identified solid waste management units and areas of concern at the facility.

PES intends to acquire the Property and proposes commercial / industrial redevelopment to include warehouse space plus indoor and outdoor sports complex. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow PES to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution. PES did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold PES responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, PES will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, PES will test surface and subsurface soil, groundwater, and soil/sediment and surface water from the Fire Water Basin. If significant contamination is found, PES will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to return Brownfield sites to productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/Apps/Environment/PublicNotices>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through January 6, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Jo Cherie Overcash, Project Manager, email OvercaJC@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0924, or Alex Fulmer, email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.